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Cradle-Croon

BY JOSEPH AUSLANDER

Drop, my little day-star,
Into the dreaming deep,
Drop, my little day-star,—
Sleep;
Low into the ocean-bed
Drop your weary golden head
Now the bloom of day is fled—
Sleep.

Drowsy are the murmurs
Of the shadow-stream,
All the drowsy murmurs
Dream;
Doves are in the dovecote now,
Bumble-bees are dozing now,
And the dew is deepening now—
Dream.

Slowly in the stillness
Creep the timid moles,
And the owls in hiding
Sleep;
And the bat is hid away,
And the bird behind the spray,
And the mice amidst the hay
Sleep.

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